Pradesh would be submerged displacing more than 2 lakh tribal people and their livelihood; and

(b) whether the project area falls under Fifth Schedule of the Constitution of India which guarantees protection to the tribes, if so, the reasons for sanctioning such project?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Covering of drains in Delhi

2844. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Administration, DDA, MCD and Delhi Cantonment Board have drawn up plans to cover nallahs carrying sullage etc., flowing through Delhi to reduce pollution in the territory;

(b) if so, the details thereof relating to each unit, by when work on the projects is expected to start and by when all nallahs are expected to be fully covered; and

(c) if no, final decision has been taken in the matter, reasons for the delay and by when the exercise is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) The Irrigation & flood control Department of Government of NCT of Delhi (GNCTD) and Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) have informed that no action plan has been drawn for covering the nallahs carrying sullage, flowing through Delhi. The GNCTD has informed that as per the recommendations of the Task Force constituted by the Lt. Governor, Delhi the strom water drains carrying sewage and sullage should not be covered. The MCD has also informed that as per recommendations of the Jagadish Sager Committee, the drains and nallahs through which the sewage flows, should not be covered.

The Delhi Cantonment Board has informed that there is a Central Sewerage System and septic tanks and the sewage is being discharged in it, there are two storm water nallahs in its area which have been covered where they are passing through inhabited areas. The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has reported that it does not maintain any drain/nallah.